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## **Soccer Star's Visit to Trenton City Hall on Thursday Calls Attention to Collaboration to Expand Soccer in Trenton**

*(Photo Opportunity)*

Trenton, N.J. — City Hall is rolling out the turf at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 29 for 19-year-old soccer phenom **Matthew "Matt" Olosunde**, whose visit will highlight a partnership between the **Division of Recreation** and the **PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International** to expand soccer in Trenton. City Hall is located at 319 East State Street.

"We are excited to have Matt, who was born in Trenton, visit his hometown to help promote our efforts to promote soccer in our city, which has had a long history that we would like to build on," said Mayor Jackson. "Matt is an inspiration to our young people, and his accomplishments illustrate how practice and hard work can lead to great things."

Olosunde, who will attend Manchester United pre-season camp next month, joined Mooch Soccer at the age of nine, and by 11, played a Mooch Soccer indoor championship. He progressed to the New York Red Bulls, playing under the wing of the nationally renowned soccer coach Manfred Schellscheidt. In 2015, Matt played and started for the United States' under 17 World Cup in Chile. He was also selected to be a part of an elite, year-round soccer residence program at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

As part of the Jackson administration's "Summer in the Capital City" recreational activities and events, PLAY SOCCER has partnered with the city's Division of Recreation to organize a soccer program that will be held twice weekly starting July 10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. until August 10. The program will run at four Trenton parks: George Page Park (July 10), Cooper Field (July 10), Capital City Sports Complex and Cadwalader Park (July 11). Children can register to participate at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 10 at Cooper Field or George Page Park. Parental signatures are required on registration forms for children under 18.

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PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to development through sport, and has operated internationally in Africa and in the United States, serving more than 50,000 children. It is recognized by FIFA, the international governing body of soccer, and the United Nations.

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